# State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup

**Thursday, September 6, 2007**
**9-11 a.m.**
**Room 314**

**In attendance:** Verne Larsen, Ed Ho, Stacy Eddings, Brenda Alhemann, Jamie Smith, Craig PoVey, Jeff Smart, Christy Porucznik, Susannah Burt, Barbara Sullivan and Tricia Winder.

**Guest:** Brad?

## Minutes

I. **Welcome**

II. **Review of Minutes**
Christy motioned to approve the minutes from August. Barbara seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

III. **Review Action Items**
- BRFSS-
    - Brenda relayed that questions for the 2008 have already been submitted and questions for 2009 must be submitted before this time next year.
    - Christy – A prescription drug question is being added due to HB38.
    - Contact Cathy Marty (sp?) to add questions fro 2009.
    - Susannah suggested creating a workgroup to create questions for submission on the BRFSS.
    - The BRFSS workgroup can devise the justification required for addressing a need for the question on the survey.
    - Barbara suggested that the workgroup can review the 2008 questions to look for gaps to additional questions.
- Ed suggested creating a SEOW calendar for deadlines and upcoming events.
- Tricia will follow-up to make sure that the Epi Report is on the DSAMH website.

IV. **School Presentation – Safe Schools Data Collection**
- How can we best use this data?
- There is currently no way of measuring the validity of the data because entry in the system is not mandatory.
- Not all districts use the Incident Reporting System (IRS).
- Brad is trying to find out how schools define and report policies in order to streamline the reporting.
- OSEP and SHARP data will now be incorporated into the annual reports.

- o Brad and his staff have been training administrators for several years to use the system.
- o One of the barriers is that administrators may interpretate "incident" differntly, or not report it all together.
- o The information required in the Annual Reporting System is mandatory for all districts to input.
- o Helpful hints for using the data are now online.
- o The Superintendents report is online and aggregate data is accessible at the district level.
- o The school level report can be accessed through permission of individual school districts.
- o Susannah suggested encouraging Administrators to track the data in order to prevent possible legal repercussions.
- o Schools have been collecting this data since early 90's.

**Action Item:** Contact Verne with any suggestions for improvement in the collection or use of this data.

## V. DCFS Data
- o Craig has met with DCFS staff and is developing a working relationship in order to data share.
- o DCFS and DSAMH are in the process of setting a meeting to discuss data.

## VI. 4th Grade Surveys
- o Some research has been done to track 4th graders in order to prevent later usage.
- o Several states are surveying younger because they have found and increase in those grades.
- o Brenda suggested looking at the differences between 5th and 6th grade.
- o There is a huge concern in the reliability of data for self report in early grades due to reading level.

## VII. NOMS
- o NOMS collection is required for SAPT Block grant and now SPF SIG.
- o CAPTs have been awarded the contract to provide technical assistance on NOMS.
- o SPF SIG will be required to collect NOMS at community and program level.

## VIII. Other Items
- o Poison control data
  - ▪ Marty has been very willing to share data.
  - ▪ It was suggested that a workgroup be designated to look at the data and see what would be most useful.
  - ▪ Intentional abuse and misuse are two categories that would be relevant.

- Workgroup members include Jamie, Stacy, Christy, Barbara, Craig, Susannah, Glen Hansen (possibly), Scott Winder (possibly) and Tricia.
- Christy suggested looking at the controlled substances first.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2007, 9am, Rm. 314**